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HOSPITALS FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES

A new Farmers' Bulletin on "Hospitals for Rural Communities" has just been published by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. It gives information on hospital needs, size, cost, and financing, and includes seven plans for model rural hospitals. It also lists several points which the community should consider before deciding whether to build a hospital. These include such problems as how large a territory the hospital will serve, how many people will use the hospital, whether the population is increasing or decreasing, how the building is to be financed and who would pay the cost of operating the hospital, and the attitude of the people in the community toward the undertaking. The experiences of many localities in providing different types of hospital service are described in the bulletin.

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